

A “road” refers to any highway, road, street, avenue, lane, private way, or similar paved, gravel or dirt thoroughfare.

Examples of previous road naming conventions that can cause navigational problems and conflict with computerized systems:

◆ many unnamed roads ◆ roads without road signs ◆ duplicate road names in different parts of the County, particularly when served by the same Post Office, Fire Department, Law Enforcement, etc. (such as Beech Street in the Osborn townsite and Beech Street in Huntley) ◆ roads with two names (Broadway Street, also known as N. 28th Street) ◆ spelling differences (8th versus Eighth) ◆ sound-alike names (Beech and Peach, Faith and Faye) ◆ locations with multiple addresses (condo, townhome and apartment complexes, strip malls, trailer courts) ◆ place names instead of street name (Sewer Plant Road)

Road Naming standards will be applied to roads named after April 1, 2005, and not cause changes to be made to existing road names unless the nature of the non-conformity creates a risk that persons on that road could not be located by public safety personnel. In such cases, residents will be encouraged to petition for a road name change, and fees associated with filing the Petition will be waived.

PROPOSED ROAD-NAMING STANDARDS:

- A. All roads that serve three or more properties or are 1/4-mile or longer in length shall be named.
- B. Outside any municipality, no two roads shall be given the same name in the County. (*see Item K below*)
- C. Each road shall have the same name throughout its entire length, unless approved as an exception by the County Commissioners.
- D. No two roads should have deceptively similar sounding names (e.g. Beach St/Beech St/Peach St)
- E. The primary part of the road name should not contain any of the words commonly utilized as a road name suffix (e.g., **Circle** Street, **Avenue** Way, Main **Trail** Boulevard, Kings **Court** Road, etc.)
- F. Special characters such as hyphens and apostrophes should be avoided in road names.
- G. Roads within multi-structure complexes (e.g., multi-unit apartment/condo/townhome developments; trailer courts; business parks; medical or school campuses) should be named and each structure individually addressed.
- H.. When using “*Street*” and “*Avenue*” as road types, “*Street*” should apply to straight north/south-alignments and “*Avenue*” should be used for straight east/west-aligned roads.
- I. When naming dead-end roads, avoid *Street*, *Road*, *Avenue*, *Boulevard* or *Route*. More appropriate suffixes are *Trail*, *Lane*, *Way*, *Court* or *Place*.

OTHER RECOMMENDED ROAD-NAMING CONVENTIONS:

- J. A master road name list will be maintained that includes “reserved road names” (from approved site plans, final plats, and Resolutions of Road Name Changes and Road Vacations/Abandonments) for reference by the public, developers and local government departments. This list will be made available on the County website.
- K. When roads are extended from one subdivision into the next, the existing road names should be adopted for roads that are extensions of existing roads. Non-contiguous road segments may have the same name if a master plan exists that indicates future construction will join two initially-separate segments of road.
- L. All named roads should have a road sign clearly displaying the road name.